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TO : Chief, FBIS

DATE: 6 March 1964

FROM : Chief, Tokyo Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Progress Report for February 1964

## I. GENERAL

- A. Transfer of the Embassy's disbursing function to Manila occurred at COB 29 February as planned. Bureau pay day 6 March will provide the first test whether Manila can meet the revised schedule.
- B. Routine screening of military surplus by the Bureau resulted in procurement at no cost of seven miles of copperweld antenna wire and sixteen antenna guy kits for Hokkaido and Okinawa Bureaus.
- C. Coordination of "mirror" operations this month provided a basis for effective elimination of monitoring hazard in this Bureau, though also forcing elimination of coverage of the target cast. Coordination messages addressed to this Bureau, including response to an inquiry for clarification by the field, did not provide a fully clear picture of intended or actual treatment. A separate memorandum on this subject is in preparation.
- D. The Bureau Chief presented a 15-minute briefing on FBIS and the Tokyo Bureau at the Ambassador's "large" staff meeting 20 February.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

- 1. Production continued its upward trend this short month, with 243 items and 106,050 publishable words filed. Total weekly hours of monitoring coverage remained at 231.7.
- 2. Bureau recordings revealed that Radio Moscow in Japanese did not broadcast Khrushchev's reply to Ikeda on the Kuriles as reported by the press here on 15 and 16 February, though Moscow quickly covered the situation on 17 February. This indicated Radio Press, the local source, relies to some extent on Soviet handouts rather than bona fide monitoring.

### B. Communications

Unlike the Bureau file, the relay file dropped for a typical gross monthly handling of 8,959,938 groups. All Washington allocations except WTA improved, though still in bad condition. Daily average outages included WTA 47%, TWA 55%, WTB 64% and TWB 77%. Preemptions declined substantially, and reroutes dropped significantly from the peak 2359 to 1549 this month. Except perhaps for the March equinoctial period, this trend is expected to continue. Investigations

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disclosed no troubles other than seasonal and cyclical propagation.

### C. Lateral Service

1. Bureau local continuing services again expanded with the addition on 12 Feb. of the Soviet Roundup and Peking Press Review to daily distribution to the Army Attache, and on 20 Feb. the WHO Epidemiological Bulletin to the NIH Attache.
2. Ad hoc services this month included acting as a procurement channel for Embassy Security for certain electronic material and technical information; special processing of a Taiwan Third Force local broadcast for [ ] a local press item for the Labor Attache; Chinese interpreter service to the Consulate; processing of 20 Korean cards and letters for the Embassy; and completion of airmailing Moscow English summaries to BBC.

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### D. Technical

1. Recalculation by the KDD consultant confirmed the original multi-band antenna matching transformer design. Inspection revealed probable lightning damage and failure of the contractor to pot it with epoxy, both of which were rectified by [ ] The antenna is now performing satisfactorily. "Before" and "After" photos of the antenna project were furnished the Embassy for presentation to the current Foreign Service inspection team. Copies were also sent the FBIS Headquarters Engineering Staff.
2. Though [ ] would not accept the surplus old-line teletype equipment it loaned in 1958, OC Okinawa has now accepted it and arrangements for its shipment are in progress. The Red Ball M-19 was delivered to FAA but not installed owing to local link incompleteness; FAA requested a second M-19 when and if available. STARCOM Maintenance Shop, Camp Drake, agreed to accept all other surplus teletype equipment including the AN/TGC's.

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## III. ADMINISTRATION

### A. Personnel

1. As the trial of teletypist candidate [ ] (Embassy employee) was satisfactory, provisional clearance was requested and received of [ ] during the month. Arrangements were effected with the Embassy for his formal transfer 1 March with no break in service. Headquarters approved temporary double-slotting.
2. On authorization to fill the monitor vacancy with a straight Japanese translator, the Bureau tested and accepted [ ] of the Embassy Translation Section, who as its newest employee is involved in an imminent RIF. He has twelve years U. S. Government translator experience. Provisional clearance has been requested [ ]

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3. The Bureau has maintained close liaison with Okinawa Bureau's [ ] since his arrival 13 February. He underwent a spinal operation on 19 February with apparently successful results. It is still too early for full confirmation of results.

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4. Arrangements were completed for the TDY from Okinawa of [ ] 28 March-27 May in Tokyo during the Bureau Administrative Officer's home leave.

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5. Through Mr. J. Shimojo of the Prime Minister's Office action was obtained expediting Japanese visas for Hokkaido Bureau recruits [ ] who are currently in training at Okinawa.

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#### B. Buildings and Grounds

1. Extension of lease S-29-FBO-728 effective 1 March was requested but not concluded owing to the landlord's absence abroad. Meanwhile, efforts continued fruitlessly to locate a better house.

### IV. OFFICIAL VISITS

#### A. To the Bureau

1. Norris Hammond, Department of State Regional Communications Officer, Manila, 5 February, briefing and tour of facility.
2. Lt. Col. Howard Newman and Lt. Col. Francis McArthur, Office of the Army Attache, 11 February, liaison.
3. [ ] 25 February, orientation.

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#### B. By Bureau Personnel

1. To Kokusai Denshin Denwa Ltd., Mr. Hamao Kojima, 6 February by [ ] for technical consultations.
2. To N-2 aboard USS Kitty Hawk, Yokosuka, by [ ] and [ ] Intelligence Seminar, 14 February.

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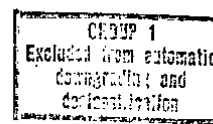
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#### Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Coverage Change Report

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COVERAGE CHANGE REPORT			TYPE	BUREAU	DATE (Month and Year)	
			MONTHLY RECAP	TOKYO	FEBRUARY 1964	
COUNTRY	LANGUAGE	CITY	TIME GMT	DAYS BROADCAST	DAYS COVERED	RATING
<u>D E L E T I O N S</u>						
Japan	Japanese	Tokyo DS	0430-0440 (unproductive)	Not SS	Not SS	Good 2
<u>A D D I T I O N S</u>						
Japan	Japanese	Tokyo DS	1245-1255	Not SS	Not SS	Good 2
<u>M O D I F I C A T I O N S</u>						
NONE						